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INFORMATION DISC ATTY. DOCKET NO. PC25081A SERIAL NO. SURE CITATION 10/714,429 (Use several sheets if necessary) APPLICANT Steven J. Brenek, et al. **GROUP** FILING DATE November 13, 2003 Unknown **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS** DOCUMENT NUMBER NAME CLASS SUBCLASS FILING DATE EXAMINER INITIAL DATE 5 0 6 05/24/94 Midler, Jr. et al. 23 295 US 3 10/22/96 Ray et al. 544 333 US 5 6 7 8 1 7 5 8 2 7 9 11/26/96 Dauer et al. 422 245.1 US 5 5 7 256 06/30/98 Ray et al. US 5 7 3 4 4 3 514 10/16/01 Lindrud et al. 117 65 8 US 3 0 2 9 5 6 300 05/06/03 Am Ende et al. 23 5 US 6 5 5 8 4 3 8 02/07/02 Am Ende et al. 562 400 6 9 US 0 0 1 **FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS** TRANSLATION DATE COUNTRY CLASS SUBCLASS DOCUMENT NUMBER ... YES NO B01D 9/00 0 14.06.91 Europe ΕP 6 9 3 OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.) \* US 2002/0016498 is the U.S. equivalent to EP 1,157,726 \* US 6,302,958 is the U.S. equivalent to WO 00/44468 DATE CONSIDERED **EXAMINER** 

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